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In re application of:

Roger Y. Tsien et al.

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AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on June 29, 2006. Applicants now file a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for an Extension of Time to the present date, with payment of the appropriate fees. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.